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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 3705

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DOD FOR P. SOMMER, DSAA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CG, PFOR, MASS
SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: DELIVERY OF C130

REF: STATE 082528 (U)

1. ZAMISH HAS RECEIVED FORMAL WRITTEN REQUEST FROM DDN. QUOTE:
"DDN NOTE NO. 1030/00165 DATED 18 APRIL 1977 TO CHZAMISH.
SUBJECT: C130 AIRCRAFT DELIVERY CHIEF OF THE MILITARY MISSION.
I HAVE THE HONOR TO GREET YOU AND TO INFORM YOU THAT THE NEW C130
AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED FOR THE ARMED FORCES OF ZAIRE WILL BE READY
FOR DELIVERY EFFECTIVE 16 MAY.
GIVEN THE EXISTING SITUATION IN SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY, WE ARE NOT
PREPARED TO FERRY THIS NEW PLANE WITH OUR PILOTS.
AS A RESULT, I AM REQUESTING YOU TO CONTACT THE MILITARY
AUTHORITIES OF YOUR COUNTRY TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO HAVE THE
PLANE DELIVERED BY PILOTS OF THE USAF. SIGNED BABIA, ZONGBI
MALOBIA MAJOR GENERAL, DIRECTOR GENERAL DDN." UNQUOTE

2. COMMENT: IT WILL TAKE 7-10 DAYS FOR A FAZA CREW TO TRAVEL TO
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GEORGIA, MAKE THE ACCEPTANCE FLIGHT, ACCEPT DELIVERY OF THE
AIRCRAFT THREE DAYS LATER, AND RETURN TO ZAIRE. FAZA CREWS ARE
COMMITTED 100 PER CENT TO FLYING SHABA SUPPORT MISSIONS. TO
GIVE UP A CREW FOR THIS PERIOD OF TIME WOULD PLACE AN UNDUE
BURDEN ON AN ALREADY OVERWORKED CREW FORCE.

3. SINCE THE NEW AIRCRAFT WILL HAVE SEVERAL DIFFERENT SYSTEMS

FROM THE CURRENT FAZA C-130'S, WE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT A LOCKHEED CREW FERRY THE AIRCRAFT AND REMAIN IN KINSHASA FOR SEVERAL DAYS TO QUALIFY FAZA CREWS ON THE NEW SYSTEMS.

4. LASTLY, WE TRUST THAT EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO PUSH UP THE DELIVERY DATE. PRESIDENT MOBUTU QUERIED AMBASSADOR SPECIFICALLY ON THIS POINT APRIL 19, EXPRESSING SERIOUS CONCERN THAT EXISTING C-130 CAPABILITY WAS ALREADY STRETCHED BEYOND REASONABLE LIMIT. AMBASSADOR ASSURED MOBUTU WE WOULD DO ALL POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE ARRIVAL OF THE NEW AIRCRAFT.
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